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SUBJECT: BOUTEFLIKE VISIT TO TUNIS

REF: TUNIS 1199

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM TWO SOURCES NOW THAT BOUTEFLIKE VISIT TO TUNIS MARCH 6-7 CONCERNED PRIMARILY BEN SALAH AFFAIR AND NOT MIDDLE EAST. SOURCES ARE (1) FRENCH EMBASSY AND (2) UPI CORRESPONDENT TUNIS WHO STATES INFORMATION CAME DIRECTLY FROM ALGERIANS. BOUTEFLIKE REPORTEDLY TOLD BOURGUIBA THAT BEN SALAH NEVER TRANSITTED ALGERIA, BUT ESCAPED FROM TUNIS BY BOAT TO SICILY. SOURCES HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

2. ANOTHER INTERESTING ASPECT OF VISIT IS REPORT (ONCE MORE FROM UPI CORRESPONDENT FROM ALGERIANS) THAT BOUTEFLIKE COMPLAINED DIRECTLY TO BOURGUIBA ABOUT FONMIN MASMOUDI'S ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY REGARDING ALGERIAN PROJECT FOR MEDITERRANEAN NON- ALIGNED CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO ALGERIANS, BOUTEFLIKE NEVER HAD PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH MASMOUDI WHILE IN TUNIS, BUT MET WITH HIM ONLY WHEN HE WAS RECEIVED BY BOURGUIBA. THUS, NEW VOICE ADDED TO GROWING LIST OF MASMOUDI ENEMIES IN

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